

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department - Allegations of irregularities and misappropriation of FFWP rice by Sri P.Raja Reddy, Ex-Superintendent & I/c MPDO., Mandal Parishad, Mahamutharam, Karimnagar District – Charges framed – Inquiry conducted – Charges proved - Imposition of penalty of withholding of 100% cut in pension and gratuity permanently under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of loss caused to the Govt. i.e, Rs.1,32,71,511/- - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT [VIG.III-A] DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 391

Dated:23.11.2010.
Read the following:-

Ref: 1. From the Project Director, DWMA, Karimnagar Lr.No.W1/702/2002-1, dated 7.1.2003.
2. From the District Level Enquiry Officer, DWMA., Karimnagar Lr. Rc.No.W1/E.O./Case No.9/2003, dated 23.3.2003.
3. Final report of Sri G.S.Prasad Rao, IAS., CEO., Z.P., Karimnagar' dated -11- 2003.
4. From the District Collector, Karimnagar Lr.No.A5/A7/102/2003 Dated 24.4.2006.
5. Govt.Memo.No.8514/Vig.III/A/2006-4 dated 5.2.2007.
6. Explanation to the Show Cause notice received from Sri P.Raja Reddy, Ex-Supdt. & I/c. MPDO.,dt. 21.3.2007 through CEO., ZPP, Karimnagar dt. 22.3.07.
7. Govt.Memo.No.8514/Vig.III/A/2006-19, dated 16.4.2007.
8. Representation of Sri P.Raja Reddy, Ex-Supdt. & I/c MPDO (Retd.) dated 10.4.2007 through the CEO., Z.P., Karimnagar Lr.No.A5/1699/2005, dated 1.4.2007.
9. Govt.Lr.No.8514/Vig.III-A/2006-22, dated:22.6.07 & 27.10.10.
10. From the Commissioner, PR&RE Lr.No.29251/A2/01, dt.20.10.10.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.838/RT-I/3/2007, dt: 12.11.2010.

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ORDER:-

It had been brought to the notice of the Government that Sri P.Raja Reddy, Superintendent (Retired) while working as in charge Mandal Parishad Development Officer at Mandal Parishad Mahamutharam of Karimnagar district, has committed certain irregularities and involved in misappropriation of huge quantity of Food for Work Programme [FFWP] rice. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Karimnagar inspected all the Food for Work Programme works executed by the individual and submitted a report. Based on the findings, the Superintending Engineer (P.R.) has constituted a team of Engineers and the team of Engineers have verified all the 112 works and distribution of rice for the works with technical parameters and submitted a report to the District Collector, Karimnagar. In his findings, the Superintending Engineer (PR) has reported that the individual has accorded irregular sanctions contrary to the rules, regulations, guidelines issued by the District Collector, Karimnagar, no estimates prepared by the Asst. Engineer, no technical sanction obtained, muster rolls are not maintained and no report sent to the District Collector, certain works were grounded by the villagers on the oral instructions of Sri P.Raja Reddy. Further, the individual has issued 1182.79 Mts. excess rice for the works more than value of work done. Out of the 112 works only 36 works were recorded and checked measured by the Deputy Chief Executive

Engineer and remaining are not recorded and opined that the individual has committed grave irregularities. As a result, the Chief Executive Officer, Karimnagar has initiated departmental action against Sri P.Raja Reddy, Supdt. [now retired].

2] In the reference 1st read above, the District Collector, Karimnagar has appointed a District Level Enquiry Officer, DWMA, Karimnagar as Enquiry Officer to inquire into the matter. The Enquiry Officer has conducted detailed enquiry and submitted his report on 23.3.2003 in the reference 2nd read above.

3] As the findings of the District Level Enquiry Officer, DWMA is found not satisfactory, the District Collector, Karimnagar has ordered detailed enquiry by the Chief Executive Officer, ZP Karimnagar vide reference 3rd read above, the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Karimnagar has conducted final enquiry and after examining all the previous reports and document evidence and submitted his report.

4] In the reference 4th read above, the Collector, Karimnagar has reported that the total quantity of rice misappropriated by Sri P.Raja Reddy is arrived to a tune of 2348.94 MTs. The cost of the said rice 2348.94 MTs. comes to Rs.1,32,71,511/-

5] Government after careful examination of enquiry reports of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Karimnagar and District Level Enquiry Officer, DWAMA, Karimnagar, the Govt. have disagreed with the Enquiry Report of District Level Enquiry Officer dated 23.3.2003 and the same reports have been communicated to Sri P.Raja Reddy and directed him to submit his representation on the disagreement factors for his involvement in misappropriation of huge quantity within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Memo vide reference 5th read above.

6] In the reference 6th read above, Sri P.Raja Reddy, Superintendent & I/c. Mandal Parishad Development Officer, M.P. Mahamutharam, Karimnagar district [Retired] has submitted his representation to Government, explained the facts of the case and stated that the enquiry conducted by Chief Executive Officer / Disciplinary Authority is agreeable. But enquiry report of Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad is only depend upon Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj's report which is not genuine since inspected after a year completion of the works, whereas the works already would reduce originality due to monsoons, road worthy etc., as at the time of completion and the team has not verified the M.Bs and Musters/ Gram Panchayat resolution which are authenticated, and also requested to drop the allegations.

7] In the reference 7th read above, Government have examined the representation of Sri P.Raja Reddy, Superintendent & I/c. Mandal Parishad Development Officer, M.P. Mahamutharam, Karimnagar [retired] with reference to the material on record and have provisionally decided to impose penalty of withholding of 100% cut in pension and gratuity permanently under Rule 9 of AP. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of loss caused to the Government i.e., Rs.1,32,71,511/- and a Show-Cause Notice has been issued to him to submit his representation on the provisional decision taken by the Government.

8] In the reference 8th read above, Sri Raja Reddy Superintendent & I/c. Mandal Parishad Development Officer, M.P. Mahamutharam, Karimnagar [Retired], has submitted his representation and requested to drop the charge. The representation of Sri P.Raja Reddy is not convinced and found that there are no new grounds in it.

9] Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken for withholding of 100% cut in pension and gratuity permanently against Sri P.Raja Reddy, Supdt. [Retired] under Rule 9 of AP. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of loss caused to the Government i.e., Rs.1,32,71,511/-.

10] In the reference 9th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission was addressed for concurrence to the above decision of Government. In the reference 11th read above, the AP. Public Service Commission has opined that there were two inquiries in the case with two different conclusions and varying accounts of the cost of misappropriated rice and also observed that the entire blame for issue of excess rice cannot be put on the Charged Officer alone. Therefore, Commission opined that the proposed punishment is on the higher side and advised to impose the punishment proportionate to the gravity of the charges and reduce it to the nearest reality.

11] The Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to material-on-record and explanation offered by the individual and also keeping in view of the opinion of AP. Public Service Commission, hereby impose penalty of withholding of 100% cut in pension and gratuity permanently under Rule 9 of AP. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of loss caused to the Government i.e., Rs.1,32,71,511/- against Sri P.Raja Reddy, Superintendent & in charge Mandal Parishad Development Officer, M.P. Mahamutharam of Karimnagar [Retired] for the charges held proved against him.

12] The Commissioner for Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, AP. Hyderabad shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

**M.V.P.C. SASTRY,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner for Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment,
AP Hyderabad.

Sri P.Raja Reddy, Superintendent (Retd.& I/c. MPDO,
M.P. Mahamutharam, Karimnagar through Commissioner, PR & RE.

The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Karimnagar.

Copy to:-

The District Treasury Officer, Karimnagar.

The Accountant General, AP. Hyderabad.

The Secretary to V.C., AP. Vigilance Commission.

The AP. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj,
AP. Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER.